



PRESS RELEASE

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Wildfire Update – Porcupine Fire

Fire Summary: The lightning-caused Porcupine fire, located on Porcupine Ridge approximately 7 miles southeast of Mayfield, Utah was discovered on 7/23/2016. The fire is at approximately 1,449 acres. This fire is in an area that is being managed for multiple resource benefits. Aerial ignition operations will occur today on the Fishlake National Forest south of Ken’s cabin and north of Willow Creek Road in order to establish a containment line on the south perimeter. A majority of the crews will be engaged in supporting the burn out while keeping resources on the north to monitor fire activity. Fuels include a variety of shrubs and conifers mixed with aspen. Fire managers acknowledge that the archery hunt begins this weekend but requests compliance with area closures listed below to ensure public and firefighter safety. 1.4 million acres of Manti-LaSal National Forest remain open to the public for recreation and hunting.

Weather for today: Dry and breezy northwest winds are expected this afternoon. Temperature 72; RH 17-19%

Jurisdiction: Sanpete Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest
Richfield Ranger District, Fishlake National Forest

Closures: Route and area closures remain in place to ensure public and firefighter safety during fire operations.

Manti-La Sal National Forest

- Forest Road 51248/Porcupine Ridge Road (from FR50159 to FR50290/Beaver Creek Road)
- Forest Road 51212 (from FR50159 to FR51248/Porcupine Ridge Road)
- Forest Road 51272 (from FR51212 to termination)
- Forest Trail 5127 (from FR50159 to FR51248/Porcupine Ridge Road)
- Forest Trail 5271/Victim Ridge Trail & Connector (from FR50290/Beaver Creek Road to FR50159)
- Forest Road 50159 (from FR50290/Beaver Creek Road to FR51252)
- Forest Road 51252 (from FR50159 to FT5182)
- Forest Trail 5181 (from FR50159 to FT5182)
- Forest Trail 5182 (from FR50252 to FT5181)

These roads are restricted to vehicles under 2000 lbs. GVW and will have a 10 mph speed limit:

- Forest Road 50290/Beaver Creek Road (from FR50022/12-Mile Canyon Road to FR50150/Skyline Drive)

Area Description: The junction of FR0159 and Beaver Creek Road, South on FR0159 to junction with FR51252;
from junction FR1252 and FR0159 South to Forest Boundary; East on Forest Boundary to Molly’s Nipple (Musinia);
North on Nipple Ridge to FR0290; West on FR0290 back to junction with FR0159.

Fishlake National Forest

- Forest Trail 275 (loop to and from FR001/Willow Creek Road)
- Forest Trail 268 (from FT275 to FR001/Willow Creek Road)

Area Description: The area North and West of FR001 and South of the Forest Boundary beginning on FR001 at Jacks Flat, (T21S, R2E Sec 3), following FR001 to Dead Horse Ridge junction (T21S, R3E Sec 4), from Dead Horse Ridge junction on FR001, going North on FR001 to the Forest Boundary (T21S, R3E Sec 26), from the Forest Boundary (T21S, R3E Sec 26) and following the Forest Boundary West to Clear Creek (T21S, R2E Sec 2). Parking and Camping must take place on the south side of FR001.

These closures will be in effect from the date signed until August 31, unless rescinded.

Structures: Ken Whitlock’s Cabin. Defensible space has been thoroughly prepared and sprinkler systems are in place.

Percent Contained: 20%

Fire Crews/Resources: 1 Type 3 Team, 2 Type 2 Initial Attack Crews, 1 local IA Squad, 3 Engines, 1 Type 3 Helicopter and 1 Helitack crew. Total personnel 82



